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For: METHOD OF PREPARING (S)- OR (R) -3, 3, 3- TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2-METHYLPROPRIONIC ACID

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**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm the acceptance of the drawings filed with the application on February 28, 2002, or otherwise provide specific objections of the same. The Office Action of July 8, 2004, is incomplete in this respect. Please note that this Request is not a response to the Office Action of July 8, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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